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In response to the August 23, 2006 Office action, please amend the aboveidentified patent application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.